

Slaughter Told the Commerce Department That Changes In Dumping Policy Would Hurt Niagara Falls

WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today said that a ruling by the Department of Commerce will prevent cheap silicon metal products from being dumped into the United States and will directly benefit workers in Niagara Falls.

The Commerce Department's Foreign Trade Zone Board was considering amending antidumping duty orders that would allow silicon metal from China and Russia into the United States but would waive the antidumping fees. This action would have been detrimental to jobs in Niagara Falls, and Slaughter joined Globe Specialty Metals and the United Steelworkers in lobbying the Commerce Department eventually persuading them to enforce the antidumping rule as written. Globe Specialty Metals operates in Niagara Falls and is the only domestic, independent silicon producer.

"This is incredible news for the hundreds of workers at Globe," said Slaughter who had worked closely with the Commerce Department prior to this week's ruling. "A different decision would have severely undermined our trade laws and undercut the only remaining independent silicon metal producer in the country. I'm delighted that the hundreds of workers at Globe can continue to operate on a level playing field and that we were able to once again protect manufacturing in America."

This is not the first time Slaughter has worked to protect the workers at Globe. In 2008, Slaughter worked diligently to help re-start Globe's operations following a brief closure, ensuring the creation of hundreds of new good-paying green manufacturing jobs. Her efforts from 2008, can be found [here](#).